

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Previously Presented) A metallic pigment composition containing a metal flake and a nitrocellulose at a ratio in a range of the nitrocellulose 0.1 to 12 parts by mass to the metal flake 100 parts by mass, wherein the nitrocellulose has an average polymerization degree in a range of 30 to 150 and a content of nitrogen atom in a range of 10.7 to 12.2% by mass.

2. (Original) The metallic pigment composition according to claim 1, wherein a surface of the metal flake was coated with a phosphorus compound.

3. (Currently Amended) The metallic pigment composition according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein a diluent for dissolving the nitrocellulose is 2-hydroxy-3-phenyloxypropyl acrylate.

4. (Currently Amended) A UV metallic ink composition using the metallic pigment composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1.

5. (Currently Amended) A UV metallic coating material composition using the metallic pigment composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1.